

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, line 22 to page 4, line 7, as follows:

The dots 105 printed by the preceding printing unit 200 are proper dots. On the other hand, the dots 107 of the offset doubling are printed as part of the ink used for printing the dots 105 by the preceding printing unit 200 is reversely trapped by the blanket cylinder 211 of the succeeding printing unit 210 as so many dots 220 on the blanket cylinder 211 and then transferred onto the sheet of paper 300 immediately following the former sheet of paper 300 at positions displaced from the positions of the respective corresponding proper dots 105 by a distance of d on the sheet of paper 300 immediately following the former sheet of paper 300.

Please amend the paragraph at page 12, line 22 to page 13,  
line 1 as follows:

FIG. 10 is a cross sectional view taken along line B-B'  
in FIG. 8. The dots 3 are printed on a sheet of paper 7  
and the code coat 5 is formed to cover the dots 3. While  
the ink layer of the code coat 5 is thin on the dots 3, the  
operation of reading the dot code 1 is not affected. ~~even~~  
~~if no ink layer is formed on the dots 3.~~